

South Uptown Neighborhood Association

2023 Highlights

Board of Directors

- Hosted 10 monthly Neighborhood Meetings online and in-person featuring topics including crime & safety, road construction, development and elected representatives.
- Hosted a Renter Focus Group to better engage with renters and understand how the organization can address their concerns.
- Continue to implement the new Strategic Plan that guides the work of the organization.

Development Committee

- Raised \$4,000 through the Give to the Max Fundraiser to support neighborhood projects.
- Raised \$2,400 to support Bryant Square Park concerts and South Uptown activities.

Land Use & Transportation

- Facilitated community discussions with developers and neighbors regarding proposed developments including Seven Points, Common Bond Communities and multiple smaller apartment projects.
- Created profiles of local businesses and promoted them through social media.
- Advocated for crosswalks on Hennepin Avenue at 33rd Street to improve pedestrian safety.

Livability & Engagement Committee

- Co-sponsored the second annual Bryant Square Park Luminary Skating Party with ice skating, bonfires, hot chocolate and music.
- Hosted a happy hour event at the renovated Grenada Theater.
- Co-hosted an Earth Day Clean Up where neighbors picked up litter ensuring it didn't end up in our lakes and rivers.
- Coordinated 26th annual Garden Tour event.
- Partnered with Bryant Square/ MPRB to sponsor 11 concerts on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer drawing more than 1,000 attendees.
- Maintained four dog waste bag stations around South Uptown making it easier for owners to clean up after their dogs.
- Deployed two little free libraries that move to new homes in the neighborhood every few months.

Neighborhood Revitalization Programs

- Partnered with the Center for Energy & Environment (CEE) to offer low-interest loans for home improvements.
- Managed the South Uptown Home Security Grant program providing matching funds for lighting, home security cameras and upgraded locks and doors.
- Contributed funds to support the Lyn-Lake Street Art Festival, which created multiple murals throughout The business district.